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## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**December 16, 2014**

A meeting of the Senate Insurance Committee was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at 12:00 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 100.

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#### The agenda summary is as follows:

1. Reported HB 5823 (S-1) (Rep. Lund) as amended with recommendation and immediate effect.
2. Reported HB 5792 (S-1) (Rep. Lund) with recommendation and immediate effect.
3. Reported HB 5932 (Rep. Lund) with recommendation and immediate effect.
4. Reported HB 5862 (Rep. Price) as amended with recommendation and immediate effect.

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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Hune, Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith, and Bieda

Absent: None

Excused: None

A quorum was established.

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the committee meeting minutes from the December 9, 2014 meeting. Sen. Marleau so moved, and without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman announced the next item on the agenda, HB 5823 and invited Representative Lund to give a brief overview of the bill.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding HB 5823:

- Gabe Basso and Teri Morante, Department of Insurance and Financial Services – Support
- Frank Venuto, Progressive Insurance – Support

The following submitted testimony cards regarding HB 5823, but did not wish to speak:

- Dominick Pallone, Michigan Association of Health Plans – Support
- Kris Kraft, Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan – Support
- Frank Venuto, American Council of Life Insurers – Support
- Heather Drake, AAA Michigan – Support
- Peter Kuhnmuensch, Insurance Institute of Michigan – Support
- Rob Anderson, Farm Bureau – Support
- Jim Miller, LIAM – Support

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the Hune amendment to HB 5823. Sen. Marleau so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Hune, Marleau, Brandenburg, Robertson, Smith, and Bieda

Nays: None.

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-1) substitute to HB 5823 as amended. Sen. Smith so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Hune, Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith, and Bieda

Nays: None.

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report HB 5823 (S-1) as amended with the recommendation that the bill pass. Sen. Robertson so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Hune, Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith, and Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5823. Sen. Bieda so moved. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman requested a clean substitute from the Legislative Service Bureau.

The Chairman announced the next item on the agenda, HB 5792 and invited Representative Lund to give a brief overview of the bill.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding HB 5792:

- Gabe Basso and Teri Morante, Department of Insurance and Financial Services – Support
- Dominick Pallone, Michigan Association of Health Plans – Support
- Rob Anderson, Michigan Farm Bureau – Support

The following submitted testimony cards regarding HB 5792, but did not wish to speak:

- Jeff McAlvey, Michigan Insurance Coalition – Support
- Frank Venuto, American Council of Life Insurers – Support
- Mark Lemoine, Spectrum Health System – Support
- Dave Bilardello, Priority Health – Support
- George Carr, Professional Code Inspections – Support
- Kris Kraft, Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan – Support
- Peter Kuhnmuensch, Insurance Institute of Michigan – Support
- Jim Miller, LIAM – Support
- Heather Drake, AAA Michigan – Support

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-1) substitute to HB 5792. Sen. Brandenburg so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Hune, Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith, and Bieda

Nays: None.

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report HB 5792 (S-1) with the recommendation that the bill pass. Sen. Marleau so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Hune, Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith, and Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5792. Sen. Smith so moved. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman announced the next item on the agenda, HB 5932 and invited Representative Lund to give a brief overview of the bill.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding HB 5932:

- Gabe Basso, Department of Insurance and Financial Services – Support
- John Brown, Jackson National – Support

The following submitted testimony cards regarding HB 5932, but did not wish to speak:

- Frank Venuto, American Council of Life Insurers – Support
- Rob Anderson, Farm Bureau – Support
- Jim Miller, LIAM – Support

The Chairman entertained a motion to report HB 5932 with the recommendation that the bill pass. Sen. Bieda so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Hune, Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith, and Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5932. Sen. Marleau so moved. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman announced the next item on the agenda, HB 5862 and invited Sherry Sofia from Representative Price's Office to give a brief overview of the bill.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding HB 5862:

- Lisa Howze, City of Detroit – Support

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the Hansen amendment to HB 5862. Sen. Hansen so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Hune, Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith, and Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report HB 5862 as amended with the recommendation that the bill pass. Sen. Hansen so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Hune, Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith, and Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5862. Sen. Smith so moved. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman requested a clean substitute from the Legislative Service Bureau.

Seeing no further business before the committee, the Chairman adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

**Date approved by the Committee:**

(An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.)